CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A shoe cleaning apparatus selectively attachable to a rear of a vehicle having a hitch receiver comprising:

a frame having a forward end including a mounting arm;

at least one brush unit coupled to said frame;

a coupling element coupling said mounting arm of said frame to the hitch receiver of the vehicle; and

a hinge disposed on said mounting arm for moving said brush unit between an operating position and a storage position.

2. The shoe cleaning apparatus of claim 1 wherein said mounting arm includes at least one mounting aperture formed thereon for aligning with an aperture formed on said hitch receiver of the vehicle.

3. The shoe cleaning apparatus of claim 2 wherein said coupling element extends through said hitch receiver aperture and said mounting aperture in an installed position.

4. The shoe cleaning apparatus of claim 1 wherein said frame includes a linking aperture formed on a rearward end thereof, said linking aperture adapted to cooperate with a tow bar in a towing position for towing a second vehicle.

5. The show cleaning apparatus of claim 1 wherein said mounting arm includes a stepped portion for presenting said frame in a laterally offset relationship from the hitch receiver of the vehicle.

6. A shoe cleaning apparatus for use with a vehicle comprising:

a brush assembly having at least one brush unit thereon; and

a mounting arm having a first end extending from said brush assembly and a second end selectively coupled to a hitch receiver of the vehicle in an installed position, said mounting arm further comprising a hinge for moving said brush assembly between an operating position and a storage position.

7. The shoe cleaning apparatus of claim 6 wherein said mounting arm includes an upper portion coupled to said hitch receiver and a lower portion laterally offset from said upper portion toward a ground surface, said lower portion coupled to said brush assembly.

8. The shoe cleaning apparatus of claim 7 wherein said hinge is disposed on said lower portion of said mounting arm.

9. The shoe cleaning apparatus of claim 8 wherein a stepped portion extends perpendicularly between said upper portion and said lower portion.

10. The shoe cleaning apparatus of claim 7 wherein said brush assembly rotates from a substantially parallel relationship with a ground surface in said operating position to an upright position substantially perpendicular to said ground surface in said storage position.

11. A method of moving a shoe cleaning apparatus between an operating position and a storage position, wherein said shoe cleaning apparatus is attached to a vehicle having a hitch receiving portion, the method comprising:

providing a brush assembly having a brush unit thereon;

aligning a mounting aperture on a forward end of said brush assembly with an aperture formed on the hitch receiving portion of the vehicle;

securing said brush assembly to the hitch receiving portion; and

rotating said brush assembly about a hinge disposed on said brush assembly from the operating position substantially parallel to a ground surface to the storage position substantially perpendicular to said ground surface.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein securing said brush assembly includes:

inserting a coupling element through said mounting aperture on said brush assembly and said aperture on said hitch receiving portion; and

securing said coupling element from substantial movement.

13. The method of claim 11 further comprising:

attaching a tow bar coupled to a second vehicle to a linking aperture on said brush assembly.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein attaching a tow bar comprises:

aligning a tow bar aperture with said linking aperture on said brush assembly;

inserting a coupling element through said tow bar aperture and said linking aperture; and

securing said coupling element thereat.